

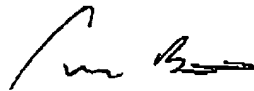
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### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2006 and supplements the Amendment filed November 15, 2005, in the above-referenced application. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that amended Claim 15 had an incorrect status identifier and the status identifier for newly added Claim 25 was omitted in the Amendment dated November 15, 2005. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the Amendment. The foregoing claim listing identifies Claim 15 as being currently amended and Claim 25 as being a new claim, and the claims are otherwise presented in their same form as the Amendment dated November 15, 2005.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

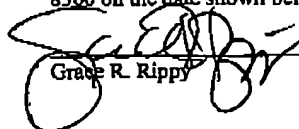


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